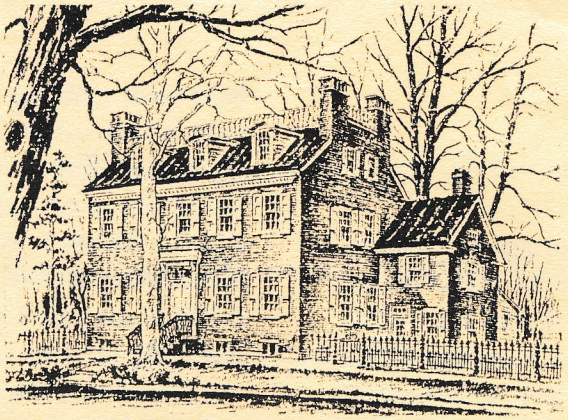
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ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT DINNER

DINNER FOR 10 AT GREENFIELD HALL

The winning ticket, drawn at the Society's Annual Candlelight Dinner, belonged to Marianna Johnson. Unfortunately, Mrs. Johnson had long standing plans for a month-long trip in April. However she graciously invited her son, Society Trustee Andy Johnson, to be the host for the evening. The occasion took p;ace on Saturday April 30 with an elegant six course meal served with great style by the Dinner Committee at Greenfield Hall. The society's grateful thanks goes to organizers, Debbie Mervine, Kathy Tassini, Joe Haro, Dinny Traver, Barbara Mellon Denesevich, Debby Troemner, Bonnie Plodizyn, Myra Kain, Pam Chase, and Mickey Mack. Thank you as well to all the ticket buyers who made this a successful fund raising event for the Society.

MEMBERS ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, May 22, 1994 at 2:00 PM
Greenfield Hall

The Historical Society Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, May 22, 1994 at 2:00 PM at Greenfield Hall, 343 Kings Highway East. The 1994-95 Officers and Trustees of the Society, elected at the Candlelight Dinner on March 16th, will be installed.

The guest speaker is Bob Comfort whose subject will be *South Jersey in the Civil War: The 12th New Jersey Volunteers*. An able assistant in Bob's research of the history this group has been his son, Adam, a Haddonfield 7th grade student and an active member of the Junior Docent group.

REALTORS MEET AT GREENFIELD HALL

In March, thanks to a lost Haddonfield realtor, Greenfield Hall hosted a meeting of the Fox and Lazo Realtors Haddonfield sales force. Before their regular meeting, Kathy Tassini, the Society's librarian, and president Debby Troemner spoke briefly to the assembled realtors.

Kathy Tassini told about the Society's continuing effort to develop a "house history" file on as many homes in Haddonfield as possible. She told the realtors of the Society's interest in old property deeds and particularly in old house photos which they might encounter in their work. In addition they were encouraged to let those who purchased homes to know about the historical Society Library which is often an early stop by new homeowners in town.

Debby Troemner told the realtors about the varied activities engaged in by the Historical Society and told the group about the history of Greenfield Hall and the Samuel Mickle House.

Some of those who attended the meetings commented on how much they enjoy coming to see Greenfield Hall and getting to know the Historical Society of Haddonfield and all it has to offer.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

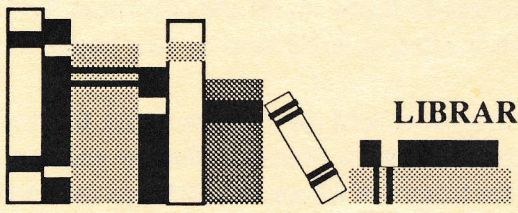
Dear Friends:

As I sit down to write my final message as President of the Historical Society, I cannot help but reflect on the extraordinary experience my association with the society has become. I came to the society five years ago as the Society's Administrator, unknown to you, and received such a wonderfully warm welcome. It was a fiscally prudent decision of the Executive Council to terminate that position at the end of the year, and I was most gratified to be invited to continue my association as the Council's Recording Secretary and to be privileged to serve on the committee who put together the Society document Vision 2000: Preserving the Past for the Future: a 10 Year Plan.

Two years ago I was greatly honored to be asked to become the Society's President. The ensuring years have been challenging for me and for the Society. Certainly the most visible accomplishments have been major maintenance of Greenfield Hall with its new roof and exterior painting and the very important move of the Society's Library collections to the Samuel Mickle House. The Executive Council has accomplished much in evaluating the Society's present condition and its goals for a successful future.

I am deeply grateful to each of the Society's members for their support. So many have contributed so much to the success of the Society's events, programs and projects that to recognize all of you adequately would fill an issue of the Bulletin. The Nominating Committee has served with great distinction in attracting fine leadership for the future. It gives me great joy to congratulate our new Historical Society President, Debbie Mervine. I know all of you join me in offering our good wishes and our support.

With warmest thanks to each one of you,
Debby



LIBRARY NEWS

We have been most fortunate to have a hardy and growing group of Library Committee volunteers who have been nibbling at the edges of the unending list of tasks which we are undertaking to make the collections more accessible. As the year begins to wind down I would like to take this opportunity to thank Pat Lennon, Zeezee Zaleski, Betty Lyons, Stuart Lyons, Karen Samuelenas, Robin Wright, Janet Lehman, Charlesanna Fallstick and Don Harris for all their efforts over the past year. We are truly making good progress. I hope others will join us on either a regular or occasional basis starting in September.

Speaking of winding down, we are coming to the time when due to children's schedules I must change Library Hours. Beginning on Monday, June 6 the library will be open on **Monday and Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30, and the first Sunday of June and July from 1 to3 p.m. As always, both the Library and Greenfield Hall will be CLOSED in August.**

Mickey Mack asked me to expand in this issue of the Bulletin on some of the interesting people and questions which come through the Society. It may interest you to know that in the past year we have had a couple of university professors doing serious research and writing using our collection. In addition to the occasional local college student and some very serious local historians researching questions which interest them, we often get letters of interest. Sometimes Betty Lyons is able to take the time to respond, particularly to those with genealogical inquires. Generally speaking we are unable to respond to general historical inquires simply due to lack of time and resources. Occasionally however, when it is a particularly important local history question, we will be of as much assistance as possible.

This winter we received an inquiry as to the possible location of the "oldest medical diploma in the U.S." which, as it happens, was earned by a Haddonfield resident named John Kaighin. After checking our files we were able to establish that we have an early facsimile of the "diploma" as well as a biography of the doctor who earned it. References in our manuscript collection suggested that the original might be at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. After some searching, their archivist established that they too had only an early facsimile. He asked for a copy of our paper on John Kaighin for their library and sent out an inquiry to other archivists as to the possible location of the original of this document, but we certainly have had a lot of fun and meet some interesting and helpful people along the way.

Finally, I have a quick plea to make to the membership and their acquaintances. Mr. Serico, principal of Haddonfield Memorial High School, and I have been working jointly to try and locate as much local

Annual Candlelight Dinner

You are cordially invited to attend the annual

Candlelight Dinner

of the Historical Society of Haddonfield

Wednesday, March 16, 1994
Tavistock Country Club

Cash Bar and Hors D'oeuvres at 6:30 P.M.
Dinner at 7:00 P.M.

Program: Catching Up With the Past with John H. Reisner

For further information, call 429-7375

Dinner Menu

Tomato Bisque Soup
Tossed Garden Salad

Tenderloin of Beef en Brochette
Baked Idaho Potato
Green Beans with Roasted Red Pepper Strips
Rolls Butter

Grand Marnier Birthday Cake
Coffee Tea

If you have any dietary problems, please let us know; Tavistock will be happy to accommodate you.

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Name_____

Address_____

Telephone_____

Number attending at $27.00 per person_____

Total $ _____

Reserved seating will not be available.

school and Home School Association (P.T.A.) information as possible. In the course of the last couple of years some early minute books of early Haddonfield Mothers and Teachers Club meetings were donated and have been a wonderful resource. Now we would ask that you search your attics and basements and any place squirreled away school flyers, old P.T.A. records or the like. By the way, when I say "old" we are looking for anything from about 1900 through the 1970's! If you find things you do not want to part with, we are willing to photocopy them and have you keep the originals. We would really like to fill in this gap in our collection and will appreciate any assistance which you can provide.

RECENT LIBRARY GIFTS

Centennial History of the Haddon Fortnightly, 1994.
Gift of The Haddon Fortnightly.

Marriage Register of Grace Church in Haddonfield, 1843-1948, Philadelphia in the Civil War.
Gift of the Haddonfield Chapter, D.A.R.

Moore, Tatem and Brigham Family papers (7 cartons).
Gift of Richard Brigham, from the estate of Mary Brigham.

Postal cards of Haddonfield;
note paper with Haddonfield drawings.
Gift of Pat Lennon

Items relating to Edward Braddock.
Gift of Mary Bauer.

GARAGE SALE

Once again it's time to gather items for our famous garage sale. We accept everything with only a few exceptions: clothing, records, magazines, and Readers Digest. Especially welcomed are jewelry, vintage clothing, boutique items, furniture, household items and tools (they sold very well last year). In addition to the usual books we look for paperbacks, comics, cookbooks and children's books. The garage will be open every morning for drop-off beginning Monday, May 23 from 9 to 12.

For questions or pick up call Nancy Burrough 429-8361 or the Society 429-7375. Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated. Remember people wait in line for our doors to open !!!!!

BATHING SUIT SEARCH

Dianne Snodgrass and Mickey Mack report having received a few donations plus several "promise to lend" bathing suits. These have all been from the 1920's and 30's.

Their goal is to have several suits from each decade starting with the 1900's up to the present for an exhibit and fashion show next spring.

Please check your attics, garages, old trunks, etc. We are sure there are 1940's, 50's and 60's on up suits just waiting for an opportunity to show off!

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